

REMARKS

Claims 28 – 33 remain in the application for the Examiner's further consideration. Claims 1 – 27 have been cancelled.

Claim 28 was indicated as allowable "if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in this office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims". We have reviewed the action and cannot find any rejection under 35 USC 112. Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims and is therefore presumed to be allowable.

New claim 29 is like allowed claim 28 except that it omits the language in allowed claim 28 which appears on page 9 of this amendment in lines 20 – 24. Otherwise new claim 29 is like claim 28 and accordingly includes at the end an important limitation which reads "said means for blocking circulation of compressed air blocks the circulation of compressed air by blocking the exhaust of spent conditioned air from the successive one of said stations". This limitation sets forth a distinguishing feature of applicant's invention which, we believe, was important in the Examiner's decision to allow claim 28. Nothing similar to this limitation can be found in any of the prior art of record and accordingly claim 29 is believed to be allowable along with claim 28.

Claim 30 depends from claim 29 and states that the means for conditioning comprises pressure regulating means for regulating pressure of said

compressed air. New claim 31 depends from claim 29 and states that the means for conditioning comprises heater means for heating said compressed air. New claim 32 depends from claim 29 and states that the means for conditioning comprises cooler means for cooling said compressed air. New claim 33 depends from claim 32 and states that the cooler means comprises means for injecting a spray of water into said compressed air. Claims 30 - 33 are believed to be allowable along with claim 29 and also because of the novel additional limitations recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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